TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 7006 - HB 7028

August 21, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the clerk of court who maintains records of the adjudication as a mental defective or judicial commitment to a mental institution to send notice of the adjudication or commitment to the clerk of court in the county of the person's permanent residence no later than five business days after the date adjudication as a mental defective is made or judicial commitment is ordered.

Specifies that an inpatient treatment facility or hospital must report a service recipient who is involuntarily committed to the facility or hospital to the municipal police or county sheriff where (1) the service recipient permanently resides, if the service recipient is a resident of this state; or (2) the inpatient treatment facility is located, if the service recipient is not a resident of this state.

Takes effect October 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Clerks of court can send notice of adjudications as a mental defective and judicial commitments utilizing existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 33-3-117 and 68-11-210, inpatient treatment facilities and hospitals are required to report to local law enforcement when a service recipient or patient is involuntarily committed to inpatient treatment.
- The proposed legislation clarifies the definition of local law enforcement for the purposes of such reporting.
- Any impact on the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Health, or the Health Facilities Commission is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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